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Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Assembly on Ageing, held at Vienna in 1982, which adopted the International Plan of Action on Ageing,[1]

Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, as adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/91 of 16 December 1991,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 54/24 of 10 November 1999 and previous resolutions on ageing and the International Year of Older Persons,

Acknowledging the initiatives undertaken and the momentum generated, at all levels, towards addressing the challenge of ageing and the concerns and contributions of ageing and older persons by the celebration of the International Year of Older Persons, and convinced of the necessity of ensuring an action-oriented follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons with a view to sustaining that momentum,

Recalling resolution 37/2 of the Commission for Social Development,[2]

Bearing in mind that, under General Assembly resolution 54/24, the Commission for Social Development has been entrusted with the revision of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and the elaboration of a long-term strategy on ageing,

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[1] See *Report of the World Assembly on Ageing, Vienna, 26 July-6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1999, Supplement No. 6* (E/1999/26), chap. I.D.

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Recalling the offer made at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly by the Government of Spain to host a second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002,

1. *Decides* to convene the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Vienna World Assembly on Ageing, devoted to the overall review of the outcome of the first World Assembly, as well as to the adoption of a revised plan of action and a long-term strategy on ageing, encompassing its periodic reviews, in the context of a society for all ages;

2. *Stresses* that, in fulfilling these objectives, the Second World Assembly should give particular attention, *inter alia*, to:

(a) Action-oriented measures to be taken by societies in a comprehensive response to the current ageing processes, on the basis of the best practices and lessons learned during the International Year of Older Persons, and bearing in mind the social, cultural and economic realities of each society;

(b) Linkages between ageing and development, with particular attention to the needs and perspectives of developing countries;

(c) Measures to mainstream ageing within the context of current global development agendas;

(d) Appropriate forms of public/private partnership, including with non-governmental organizations, at all levels, for building societies for all ages;

(e) Measures to strengthen the solidarity between generations, keeping in mind the needs of both older and younger generations;

3. *Accepts* the offer of the Government of Spain to host the Second World Assembly on Ageing, and decides that the Second World Assembly will be held in Spain, in April 2002;

4. *Invites* all Member States of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and observers, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly, to participate at a high level in the Second World Assembly on Ageing;

5. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in the field of ageing, as well as research institutions and representatives of the private sector, to participate in and contribute to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory process, including organizing meetings and studies related to the themes of the Second World Assembly;

6. *Decides* that the Commission for Social Development shall serve as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing and, as such, will be open to the participation of all Member States of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and observers, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to elicit their views on progress in and obstacles to the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing,[1] as well as on priority issues to be addressed in a revised plan of action and a long-term strategy on ageing;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to establish a technical committee, funded through voluntary contributions, to assist him in the formulation of proposals during the preparatory process to the Commission for Social Development;

9. *Stresses* that the technical committee should ensure, in its composition, an adequate geographical balance among its members, who will serve in a personal capacity, and the integration of multidisciplinary backgrounds, including perspectives from the research institutions, non-governmental organizations in the field of ageing, the private sector and older persons themselves;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the active participation of the United Nations programmes and funds and the specialized agencies and related organizations in the preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, *inter alia*, within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery;

11. *Invites* all relevant organs of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, funds and programmes, the specialized agencies and the Bretton Woods institutions, to participate in the Second World Assembly and its preparatory process;

12. *Encourages* Member States and other actors to support the preparatory activities by the Secretariat so as to ensure the quality of the outcome of the Second World Assembly and to provide voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing in support of preparatory activities of the Second World Assembly, including the participation of least developed countries;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution under the item devoted to social development.

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Agreement concerning the relationship between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/65 of 6 December 1999, in which it invited the Secretary-General to take appropriate steps to conclude with the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization an agreement to regulate the relationship between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission, to be submitted to the General Assembly for its approval,

Noting the decision[1] of the Preparatory Commission of 5 May 2000 to approve the Agreement to Regulate the Relationship between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization,

Having considered the Agreement to Regulate the Relationship between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization,[2]

Approves the Agreement, which is annexed to the present resolution.

[1] CTBT/PC-11/CR.7.
[2] A/54/884, annex.

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Annex

Agreement to Regulate the Relationship between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

The United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations (hereinafter the "Charter") and of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (hereinafter the "Treaty"),

Bearing also in mind resolution CTBT/MSS/Res/1 of 19 November 1996 of the Meeting of States Signatories to the Treaty (hereinafter the "Resolution") establishing the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (hereinafter the "Commission"),

Recalling that in accordance with the Charter, the United Nations is the principal organization dealing with matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security and acts as a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of goals set out in the Charter,

Recalling further the relevant provisions of the Treaty which provide for cooperation between the United Nations and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization,

Noting that, pursuant to the Resolution, the Commission was established for the purpose of carrying out the necessary preparations for the effective implementation of the Treaty,

Acknowledging that the activities of the Commission performed pursuant to the Treaty and the Resolution will contribute to the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Desiring to make provision for a mutually beneficial relationship whereby the discharge of their respective responsibilities may be facilitated,

Noting that General Assembly resolution 54/65 of 6 December 1999 and the decision of the Commission of 29 April 1999, contained in CTBT/PC-8/1/Annex IX, call for the conclusion of an agreement to regulate the relationship between the United Nations and the Commission,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I
General

1. The United Nations recognizes the Commission as an entity in working relationship with the United Nations as defined by this Agreement, which by virtue of the Resolution has standing as an international organization, authority to negotiate and enter into agreements, and such other legal capacity as necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes.

2. The Commission recognizes the responsibilities of the United Nations under the Charter, in particular, in the fields of international peace and security and

economic and social, cultural and humanitarian development, protection and preservation of the environment and peaceful settlement of disputes.

3. The Commission undertakes to conduct its activities in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter and with due regard to the policies of the United Nations furthering these purposes and principles.

Article II
Cooperation and coordination

1. The United Nations and the Commission, recognizing the need to work jointly to achieve their common objectives, and with a view to facilitating the effective exercise of their responsibilities, agree to cooperate closely and to consult and to maintain a close working relationship on matters of mutual interest and concern. To that end, the United Nations and the Commission shall cooperate with each other in accordance with the provisions of their respective constituent instruments.

2. In view of the responsibilities of the Commission under the Resolution, the United Nations and the Commission shall, in particular, cooperate in the implementation of the following provisions of the Treaty:

(a) Paragraph 13 of article II of the Treaty related to the convening by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as the Depositary of the Treaty of the initial session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty;

(b) Article XIV of the Treaty related to the convening by the Depositary, upon the request of a majority of States that have already deposited their instruments of ratification, of Conferences convened to consider and decide by consensus what measures consistent with international law may be undertaken to accelerate the ratification process in order to facilitate the early entry into force of the Treaty.

3. The Commission, within its competence and in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, shall cooperate with the United Nations by providing to it at its request such information and assistance as may be required in the exercise of its responsibilities under the Charter. In case confidential information is provided, the United Nations shall preserve the confidential character of that information.

4. The United Nations and the Commission recognize the necessity of achieving, where applicable, effective coordination of the activities and services of the United Nations and the Commission with a view to avoiding unnecessary duplication of such activities and services, particularly with respect to common services at the Vienna International Centre.

5. The Secretariat of the United Nations and the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Commission shall maintain a close working relationship on issues of mutual concern in accordance with such arrangements as may be agreed from time to time.

6. The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of the Commission shall consult from time to time regarding their respective responsibilities and, in particular, regarding such administrative arrangements as may be necessary to enable the United Nations and the Commission effectively to carry out their functions and to ensure effective cooperation and liaison between the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Commission.

Article III
Reciprocal representation

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, or his representative, shall be entitled to attend and participate without vote in sessions of the Commission and, subject to the rules of procedure and practice of the bodies concerned, in meetings of such other bodies as may be convened by the Commission, whenever matters of interest to the United Nations are under consideration.

2. The Executive Secretary of the Commission shall be entitled to attend plenary meetings of the General Assembly for the purposes of consultation. The Executive Secretary of the Commission shall be entitled to attend and participate without vote in meetings of the Committees of the General Assembly, and, subject to the rules of procedure and practice of the bodies concerned, in meetings of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and the Committees concerning matters of interest to the Commission. Whenever other principal organs of the United Nations consider matters which are of relevance to the activities of the Commission, at the invitation of that organ, the Executive Secretary may attend its meetings to supply it with information or give it other assistance with regard to matters within the competence of the Commission. The Executive Secretary may, for the purposes of this paragraph, designate any person as his representative.

3. Written statements presented by the United Nations to the Commission for distribution shall be distributed by the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Commission to all members of the appropriate organ or organs of the Commission. Written statements presented by the Commission to the United Nations for distribution shall be distributed by the Secretariat of the United Nations to all members of the appropriate organ or organs of the United Nations.

Article IV
Reporting

1. The Commission, within its competence and in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, shall keep the United Nations informed of its activities, and may submit through the Secretary-General of the United Nations reports on them on a regular or ad hoc basis to the principal organs of the United Nations concerned.

2. Should the Secretary-General of the United Nations report to the United Nations on the common activities of the United Nations and the Commission or on the development of relations between them, any such report shall be promptly transmitted by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Commission.

3. Should the Executive Secretary of the Commission report to the Commission on the common activities of the Commission and the United Nations or on the development of relations between them, any such report shall be promptly transmitted by the Executive Secretary of the Commission to the United Nations.

Article V
Resolutions of the United Nations

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit to the Executive Secretary of the Commission resolutions adopted by the principal organs of the United Nations pertaining to issues relevant to the Treaty and the Resolution. Upon receipt thereof, the Executive Secretary of the Commission shall bring the

resolutions concerned to the attention of the Commission, and report back to the United Nations on any action taken by the Commission, as appropriate.

Article VI
Agenda items

1. The United Nations may propose agenda items for consideration by the Commission. In such cases, the United Nations shall notify the Executive Secretary of the Commission of the agenda item or items concerned, and the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in accordance with his authority and the relevant rules of procedure, shall bring any such agenda item or items to the attention of the Commission.

2. The Commission may propose agenda items for consideration by the United Nations. In such cases, the Commission shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the agenda item or items concerned, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall, in accordance with his authority and the relevant rules of procedure, bring any such item or items to the attention of the principal organs of the United Nations concerned.

Article VII
Exchange of information and documents

1. The United Nations and the Commission shall arrange for the exchange of information, publications and documents of mutual interest.

2. In fulfilment of the responsibilities entrusted to him under article XVI of the Treaty and in the light of the responsibilities of the Commission under paragraph 18 of the Resolution, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit to the Commission copies of communications received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the capacity of Depositary of the Treaty.

3. The Commission, to the extent practicable, shall furnish special studies or information requested by the United Nations. The submission of such studies and information shall be subject to conditions set forth in article XII of the present Agreement.

4. The United Nations, to the extent practicable, shall likewise furnish the Commission, upon its request, with special studies or information relating to matters within the competence of the Commission. The submission of such studies and information shall be subject to conditions set forth in article XII of the present Agreement.

5. The United Nations and the Commission shall make every effort to achieve maximum cooperation with a view to avoiding undesirable duplication in the collection, analysis, publication and dissemination of information related to matters of mutual interest. They will strive to combine, where appropriate, their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of such information and to minimize the burdens placed on Governments and other international organizations from which such information may be collected.

Article VIII
International Court of Justice

The Commission agrees, subject to such arrangements as it may make for the safeguarding of confidential information, to furnish any information which may be requested by the International Court of Justice in accordance with the Statute of that Court.

Article IX
United Nations laissez-passer

The United Nations recognizes that due to the special nature and universality of the work of the Commission, as defined in the Resolution, officials of the Commission shall be entitled, in accordance with such special arrangements as may be concluded between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of the Commission, to use the laissez-passer of the United Nations as a valid travel document where such use is recognized by States in the instruments or arrangements defining the privileges and immunities of the Commission.

Article X
Personnel arrangements

1. The United Nations and the Commission agree to consult whenever necessary concerning matters of common interest relating to the terms and conditions of employment of staff.

2. The United Nations and the Commission agree to cooperate regarding the exchange of personnel, bearing in mind the nationality of States signatories of the Treaty, and to determine conditions of such cooperation in supplementary arrangements to be concluded for that purpose in accordance with article XV of the Agreement.

Article XI
Budgetary and financial matters

1. The Commission recognizes the desirability of establishing budgetary and financial cooperation with the United Nations in order that the Commission may benefit from the experience of the United Nations in this field and in order to ensure, as far as may be practicable, the consistency of the administrative operation of the two organizations in the field.

2. Subject to the provision of article XII of this Agreement, the United Nations may arrange for studies to be undertaken concerning budgetary and financial matters of interest to the Commission with a view to, as far as may be practicable, achieving coordination and securing of consistency in such matters.

3. The Commission agrees to follow, as far as may be practicable and appropriate, the standard budgetary and financial practices and forms used by the United Nations.

Article XII
Costs and expenses

The costs and expenses resulting from any cooperation or the provision of services pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to separate arrangements between the United Nations and the Commission.

Article XIII
Protection of confidentiality

Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 of article II, nothing in this Agreement shall be so construed as to require either the United Nations or the Commission to furnish any material, data and information the furnishing of which could, in its judgement, require it to violate its policy regarding the confidentiality of such information.

Article XIV
Registration

Either the United Nations or the Commission may register this Agreement with the United Nations.

Article XV
Implementation of the Agreement

The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Executive Secretary of the Commission may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable.

Article XVI
Amendments

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent between the United Nations and the Commission. Any amendment, once agreed upon, shall enter into force on its approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Commission.

Article XVII
Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force on its approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized representatives of the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, have signed the present Agreement.

SIGNED this 26th day of May in the year two thousand at New York in two originals in the English language.

For the United Nations:

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**
Secretary-General

For the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization:

(*Signed*) Wolfgang **Hoffmann**
Executive Secretary

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Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, China, Ecuador, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Japan, Liberia, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uganda

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